

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.27, the Department of Public Health hereby amends Chapter 135, "Trauma Triage and Transfer Protocols," Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 135 establish the out-of-hospital trauma triage destination decision and the intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocols. These amendments update the references to "Out-of-Hospital Trauma Triage Destination Decision Protocol" (Adult and Pediatric) documents to the 2013 editions and rescind the references to "Inter-Trauma Care Facility Triage and Transfer Protocol" (August 1996).

Notice of Intended Action was published in the May 29, 2013, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 0774C**. No comments were received. 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 396, was signed by the Governor on June 20, 2013. One of the provisions of this bill was to repeal the statute establishing the system evaluation quality improvement committee (SEQIC). Changes have been made in Items 1 and 3 to remove references to this committee, which no longer exists.

The State Board of Health adopted these amendments on September 11, 2013.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 147A.24(4)"e" and 2013 Iowa Acts, Senate File 396, section 57.

These amendments will become effective on February 1, 2014.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Rescind the definitions of "Intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocol," "SEQIC" and "System evaluation quality improvement committee" in rule **641—135.1(147A)**.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **641—135.1(147A)**, definition of "Out-of-hospital triage and transfer destination decision protocol," as follows:

~~"Out-of-hospital triage and transfer destination decision protocol"~~ Out-of-Hospital Trauma Triage Destination Decision Protocol means written directives to assist in the decision making, established and approved by the department, that address the method of transport and trauma care facility destination to be followed by the service program.

ITEM 3. Amend paragraphs **135.2(1)"a"** to **"c"** as follows:

a. Adoption by reference. The "Out-of-Hospital Trauma Triage Destination Decision Protocol" (Adult and Pediatric, November 2001-2013) and the ~~"Inter-Trauma Care Facility Triage and Transfer Protocol" (August 1996)~~ "Out-of-Hospital Trauma Triage Destination Decision Protocol" (Pediatric, 2013) are incorporated by reference and adopted as the out-of-hospital trauma triage destination decision and the intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocols. For any differences which may occur between the adopted references and these administrative rules, the administrative rules shall prevail.

b. The ~~out-of-hospital triage destination decision protocol (Adult and Pediatric)~~ and the ~~intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocol~~ protocols adopted by reference in paragraph 135.2(1)"a" are available through the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of EMS, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075, or the bureau of EMS Web site (www.idph.state.ia.us/ems).

c. Revisions and modifications to the ~~out-of-hospital triage destination decision protocol~~ and the ~~intertrauma care facility triage and transfer protocol~~ protocols adopted by reference in paragraph 135.2(1)"a" may be made upon recommendation to the department from the ~~system evaluation quality~~

~~improvement committee (SEQIC)~~ or the trauma system advisory council (TSAC). Revisions and modifications shall be approved by the department.

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